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NOBLESVILLE MAN CHARGED WITH CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, and Andrew G. Oosterbaan, Chief of the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section of the U.S. Department of Justice, announced today the indictment of LOU M. KING, age 55, of Noblesville, Indiana. KING was indicted today for multiple child pornography offenses after an investigation by United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), the United States Secret Service (USSS), and the Noblesville Police Department.

The indictment charges KING with two counts of receiving child pornography in interstate commerce by means of a computer on June 24, 2002. KING is also charged with one count of possessing a computer containing child pornography between August 27, 2002 and September 5, 2002.

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The child pornography involved in both cases is alleged to have been produced through the use of actual minors engaging in sexually explicit conduct and the material was allegedly a visual depiction of such conduct.

"These investigations and indictments," said Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney, "are the results of the ongoing cooperative effort by the U.S. Attorney's Office, the Department of Justice, and federal law enforcement agencies to find and prosecute those individuals who use and exploit our children."

According to Assistant United States Attorney Steven DeBrota and Trial Attorney Michelle Morgan-Kelly of the Department of Justice, who are handling the KING prosecution for the United States, KING could be sentenced up to 15 years of imprisonment for each count of receiving child pornography and up to 5 years for possessing child pornography.

Each count in these cases also carries a term of supervised release following any term of imprisonment of up to three years and a potential fine of up to \$250,000. In addition, the government is seeking the forfeiture of the child pornography and related computer equipment used in both cases.

The charges contained in these indictments are allegations only and KING is presumed innocent until convicted at trial or by plea.